

Smithsonian Inst
and out. W.
Washington DC
Oct 10th 1856

Prof John Torrey

Dear Sir



I received your letter just before leaving Cleveland but have only within a day or two been able to look over the plants which you named.

I was aware that you had described the generic identity of the Sequoias of California, and read your article in Silliman's Journal at the time of its publication, but I was not aware that this identity had been made palpable to the eyes of others by figures. and Dr Gray said to me distinctly that good figures of the flowers of Sequoia gigantea were greatly to be desired, and specimens are waiting you at Cambridge

which Dr. Gray received from
a California Correspondent which
he thought would answer your
purpose of illustration, and which
he hoped to have the pleasure of
showing you within a few days of
the time I left him. That was
why I suggested that a figure
of the same flora of S. Juanita
be prepared.

I left with Dr. Gray quite
a number of things about which
he wished to consult you. I
will write him that since you
are neither going to Cambridge
or coming to Washington they
had better be sent directly to
you. Among these was the
collection of Drawings of Cal
Plants by W. Kellogg.

If you are quite sure that
you are not coming to Wash.
summer, I should be glad to send

to you a part of a large collection
of Californian plants which
I have here, and which I promised
myself the pleasure of looking over
with you when you made your
then contemplated visit.

You don't seem to have noticed
the differences which exist between
the Spraguea umbellata from Crater Lake
Cascade Mts, and the specimen found
at lower altitudes - I did not
suppose it distinct, but the plant
as it occurs at Mt. Combs, is of
a nearly uniform greenish yellow -
the flower stems upright, and the
leaves acute. - So on the tubularis
of the Columbia - At Crater Lake
the plant is spread mat-like on
the ground - no part rising an
inch above the surface - the
floral envelopes & flower stems & petioles
purplish red. the leaves truncate &
sometimes emarginate -

I have written W. T. Bigelow, but
have as yet received no answer

W. Andrews. I promised me that
he would send you a duplicate
series of his Samoan Ferns. —

Have you received any sheets
of Plant. Hartwegi — since those
buying down the numbers to 1936

How much can D. C. Proctorius
be purchased for, and is there a copy
for sale with it. by your knowledge

Please make my compliments
to Miss E. Tenny. if she is with you
and return at your convenience

Yours. Very Respectfully

John S. Newberry

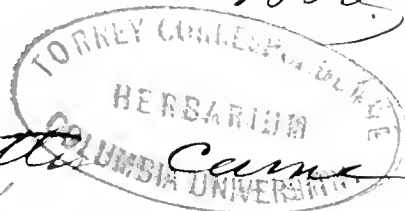
Chas. D.
March 2nd
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Washington D C

Dec. 25 1856

Dear Doct^r

Your letter came



as a Christmas present, this
morning - for which I am
as always for your letter
greatly obliged to you -

I was not aware that
Dr Gray intended Scolopus
to be figured for our report
as I understood him to say
that Dr Bigelow had bought
it in fact - The specimen
contained in my collection was
not collected by myself &
and as I have written Dr Gray
probably belonged to Samuel's
Collection - If so it should
be given to Bigelow or Samuel,
if they desire it - If not of
course we will publish it
in our report, giving credit to

Bryson & Samuels. —

D. G. has in his hands
several other new things which
I think he intends to have
figured — One very curious
thing from the Cascade Mts
some what resembling a Monotropa
for which D. G. intends to make
a new genus I believe —

A new Gentiana, a Spheralcea
possibly new, and several
other things which he regarded
as perhaps worth figuring —

I find from my memorandum
that I left with him

Hilsea (nsp.)

Spheralcea 4

Echeveria "

New Gen. (Monotropeid plant)

Polygonum (nsp.)

Melittzia "

Gentiana 7

Pentstemon gracilentus (neph.)

" *glaucophyllus* "

" *Newberryi* "

Several Cuscutae etc etc.

The Scoliopter I had not
enumerated among those to be
figured —

The trees of which I had
proposed to give figures are as
follows. —

Castanea chrysophylla Fruit glaucous

Quercus longiglandis ~~Corticis~~

" *agrifolia* "

Abies grandis entire tree of fruit

" *nobilis* "

" *Douglasii* "

A. *neph.* "

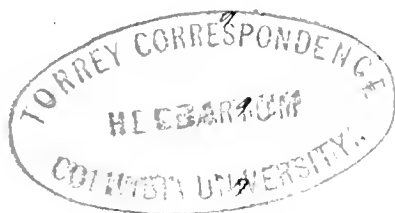
A. *neph.* "

A. amabilis? *Douglasii* "

Larix occidentalis "

Cupressus nortkaneensis — "

Juniperus occidentalis " ~~—~~



<i>Platanus Mexicana</i>	—	Whole tree
<i>Acer Macrophyllum</i>		"
<i>Sequoia gigantea</i>		"
" <i>Leupervirens</i>		"
<i>Pinus Lambertiana</i>		"
" <i>brachyptera</i>		"
" <i>Sabiniana</i>		"
" <i>flexilis</i>		"
" <i>contorta</i>		"
<i>Thuja gigantea</i>		

Libocedrus decurrens.

Of most of these however I proposed
to have only wood-cuts, to grow the
part of the tree —

I will write Dr. Anderson about
your plants — I think I told you
that he promised me to send you
a series of his Samboan ferns —

After the plants I sent you recently
please return any duplicates which
you desire — Yours Very Respectfully

John S. Durbin

P.S. I have recently received from Dr. Hayden
a splendid collection of Miocene Tertiary plants,
which I want much to show you —

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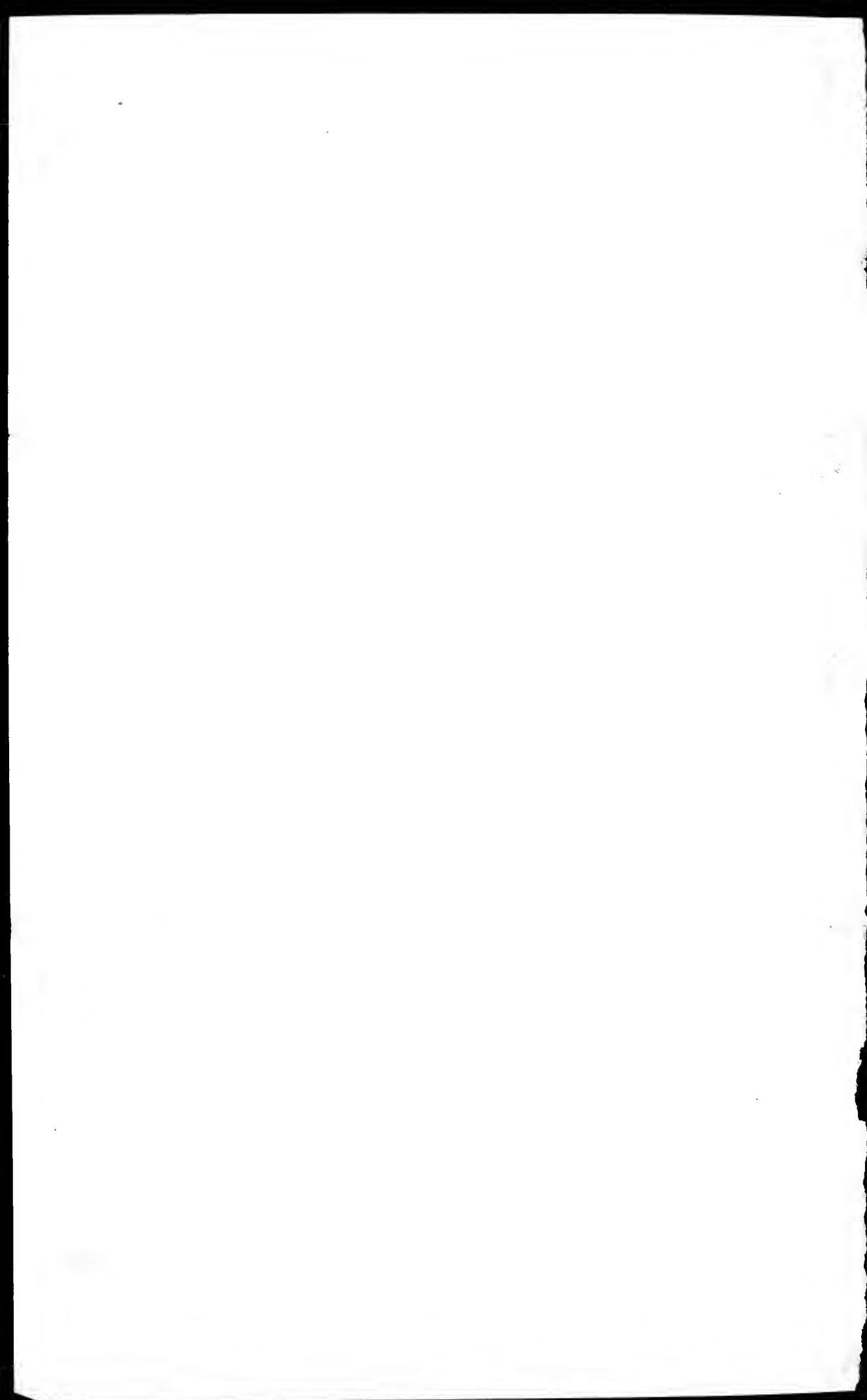
They consist of perhaps 50 species
I think nearly all new — but as
you have given them very little attention

I recognize among them, a Platanus,
unlike either of the American sps.
A Populus, also new — Alnus. Betula
etc. Myrs. Junciperus. Taxodium &c
(no Abies) — beside many things which
I do not recognize. — Some fruits & flowers

Would you not like to take a pup
at the botany of the American
continent, ~~as~~ an Earlier ago than
that which you have so carefully
studied? —

If you will sometimes come
to Washington: You shall have that
pleasure —





No.

Smithsonian Institution,

Washington, D. C. Apr 15. 1857

Prof. John Torrey

Dear Sir

I have just
rec'd your letter of yesterday
from which it is evident that
you are not fully informed
of the relations which I maintain
to the War Dept. & the public
printer. — My time is fully
occupied with the duties of
my Chair, and in making
out my own report — and yet
rather than that the reports
of any of the scientific
men should go to press with
no connection whatever. I



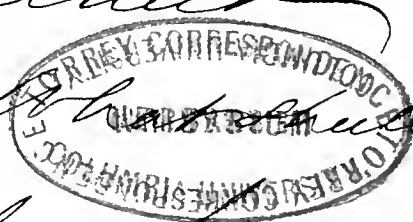
Told Lent Mrs. that when
it was impossible to send
the ~~manuscript~~ ^{proof} to the Author
I would endeavor to correct
some of the errors at the
printer's - if he would send
the proofs to me - This was
done in case of Halls. Pol
upat. & Piptom. Cactaceae
and the Author may
Thank me that these
updates are not absolutely
spoiled - as they would have
been if left to the printer

When the Author could
be consulted. I would
of course not consent

to assume any responsibility
That is just all my
connection with the Wardle
a proof reader -

I thought by my reading
the first proof of your report
- as you had written me about
it - a clearer device - than
^{would be sent you} otherwise - and that then
would be less probability
of having the errors repeated,
by making them as few as
possible - In reading the
proof of the sat signature Dr Cope
took the manuscript, and I
read the proof, by which we
thought the mistakes had
all been strangled out.
Now for the mention

connected the 'erous indic-
 ated. I do not know as
 did not see a curve
 the abbreviation of repeated
 names - was done
 the present in his own resp-
 onseably -
 Replication is not yet
 struck off - I send you
 to the Lt. Gov. who
 will doubtless see that
 the names are carried
 into effect -
 I do wish the plate of
Sceloporus ?
 Yours very truly
 Chas. Scherborn



P.S. It is hardly necessary
 to say that anything I can do for
 myself or for the Academy is
 done with the greatest pleasure.

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Smithsonian Institution,

Washington, D. C. Apr 22^d 1857

Dear Dr. Toney



I rec^d your letter last
Evening and forward the Scolopus
as you requested. You may send
the oak directly to me if you please
I think I would prefer the Blk oak
as I collected it and observed
it very fully. - While the Zebrina
is only found south of my range

I have communicated to Dr. W. B. Davis
all your wishes in reference to the
botanical reports - and he will
see that they are complied with

I very much fear that the
appearance of the first signatum
of your report will not suit you
The connection made had been

is many of them concealed
that the subject was to me
somewhat obscure - I will
make an effort to have another
proof sent to you -

I have been very busy and
have not been into the city for
several days - but I think
the printers are occupied in
preparing reports -

I am rather desirous to look
over Dr Andrews pine cones
before my report goes to press

I shall go to the office to send
them to you - I shall perhaps
have some illustrations to my
report but made at my
own expense.

The plates prepared by Dr Gray
will of course appear - and
more of them could have been
made if he had been willing
to have it done. Two or three of
my new species (collected by me)
(*Pentstemon*, etc) will not be figured.

This I regret as the money for
that purpose ~~was~~ all ready - and
the chance may never occur again.

Have you examined the Synonymy
of the Yellow pine of the Western
Country - I suspect it will appear
something like this

P. rigida var.

P. ponderosa Dougl.

P. brachyptera Eng.

P. Benthamiana, Harney [Where
described?]

Plan given, properum not be
subject.

Are you sure these
P. brachyptera grows

their grander and amabler are
most likely. I regret if I have ever
seen them -

I have ~~new~~ or then very
pretty; new Conifers from the
Cascade Mts - I wish you
could see them - I will
try to send you my figures -

In great haste with
me faithfully (Yours)
J. A. Newberry

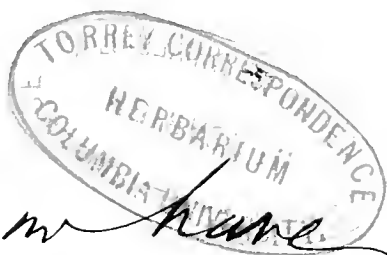


No.

Smithsonian Institution,

Washington, D. C. April 17 1859

Dear Dr. Torrey



Will you have
the kindness to forward the
plants as soon as possible
as I shall to use them
in preparing your catalogue
for the press. I may leave
Washington within a month
and must do for your
botanical report all I can
do quickly.

Very faithfully, I am

A. S. Steudenberg

And to Smithsonian

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
10th inst. in relation to the
above matter. I am sorry to
hear that you are not
satisfied with the result of
the investigation. I have
been very anxious to
bring about a settlement
of the matter as soon as
possible, but I have been
unable to do so. I have
been very busy with other
matters, and I have not
been able to devote as much
time to this matter as I
would like to. I am sorry
that I cannot do more for
you at this time. I will
try to do so as soon as
possible. I am, Sir, very
truly yours,
J. H. [Signature]

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P. R. J.

Share. Just ahead

Max. Amos Rep. 187. 2

His Magnificent!

Especially the History.



Cleveland. O

Nov. 21. 1860

Dear Dr. Torrey



Can you and Dr. Gray
take up and catalogue the
plants which I collected on
our last expedition, for Captain
Macomber's report. They are
not numerous, but some are
I suspect quite interesting.

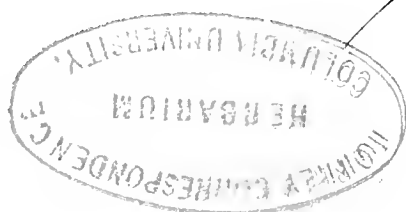
If you can attend to them
I will have them forwarded
by you at once.

I send you an old catalogue
of the plants of Ohio, recently
published - It was printed at
Columbus, while I was here &
of course contains many errors
which were noticed in the
proof - Nelumbiacae omitted &c

If there are any plants in
the list which you want
I may be able to supply
them -

Yours faithfully

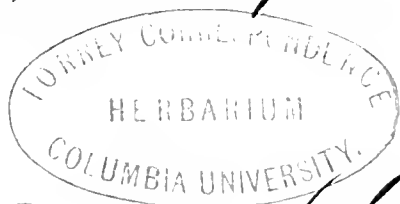
J. S. Newbery



Am. Feb 15/62 U. S. Sanitary Commission,

Cleveland, February 6. 1862.

Dear Dr Torrey



I don't really believe
that you have erased my name
utterly and entirely from your
books, even if you won't answer
my letters. So I am going to
inflict another on you, and
shall take a still greater liberty
of asking you good offices, or
at least your counsel in a
matter of selfish interest to
myself - You can hear it -
think it over at your leisure
and give me your opinion
when convenient

I am very busy as you know
just now, looking after the
interests of the Sanitary Com-
mittee at the West. - for the present
am earning my bread, and
doing something for the cause
of humanity, justice, & the flag
in the war in which we are
engaged. When however the
war is over, or the work of
the Sanitary Commission is
at an end, my occupation
will be gone. I must look
ahead then and see what
I can do to put bread in my
children's mouths after the war

is over - All that scientific
work will I fear be long
suspended. - What can I do? -

I have recently been at New
Haven mapping out with
Dana through with his book
which is now in the hands of
the printer - Dana's health
is such that much of the
work he had ~~marked out~~
for himself must be abandoned
among other things his engagement
to lecture at Columbia College

At his suggestion I take
the liberty of asking you if
he will earnestly recommend me
as a fit person, and perhaps the
only available one in the country

And if that recommendation can
be strengthened by that of Henry
H. Dache & Agassiz. Hall. and
most of the Scientifics - whether
there would be any probability that
the Trustees of Columbia College
could be induced to give me
a situation as teacher of
Geology & Palaeontology. Either
a full Professorship or a permanent
engagement as lecturer on the terms
offered. Dana?

Suppose evidence of fitness could
be furnished, and the influence of
many of our scientific & literary
notables be brought to bear on the
Case. Would the necessity be seen
by the Trustees of having there

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important departments represented
in their course of education -

Please give me your honest
opinion without fear of hurting
my feelings if you must
discourage any such asper-
ations -

I may say to you in confidence
that like an friend Dr Eaton
I should have a place at school.
Haven't if there was any money
to pay me - On this head I have
considerably more to say to
but cannot with propriety write
it - If the occasion should occur
please ask the Silliman, Dana, Norton
Burk Johnson &c any questions you

please, in regard to this matter - I am⁶
quite willing to trust myself in
their hands -

Our Colorado Report is finally
out - You will find many mis-
prints in the Botany which if I
had been in W. I should have
corrected - I was compelled to
leave the City hurried before it
was done - and I did the only
thing left me - engaged the best
man I could get to look after
it - As no proofs are ^{sent} ~~permitted~~
~~to leave~~ ^{out of} the office. I had a carriage
take George Gibbs every day up there
and he looked over all that I could
not - Baird was sitting as he had
side of his sick wife, Schoeffel was
busy every hour as the War Dept &
Foreman had decided - Rich was dead
There was no botanist in Washington

I had before that time had your
+ D. Gays M. S. carefully copied. The
families all placed in their proper
relative positions, and as I thought
the whole made clear as day
light, Then when I was ordered
off I engaged a man who
is proverbially accurate. to read
my line. This was done but
bad mistakes, through his want
of familiarity with the subject
or the carelessness of the printer
were still left in connection.
proof

I begged that the ~~MS~~ might
be sent to you but. it was
refused peremptorily.

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Part of my own report must meet
the same fate.

The whole system of publication
as it is, is a disgrace to our national
reputation. —

I had promised myself the
pleasure of staying a day with
you in my return from New Haven
but was detained there so long
that I was compelled to rush
things without stopping at all

Pardon the haste with which my
long rambling letter has been
written. One of my boys is very
sick with pneumonia, and I can
scarcely spare a moment
from his bedside. — I hope he
is this evening a little better.
With kind regards to the mother &
Yours very truly
J. M. Hewes